Waiting list of Delhi Telephones

658. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the latest position of prospective subscribers on the waiting list of Delhi Telephones for various categories, as on 1st February, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): The latest position of prospective subscribers on the waiting list of Delhi Telephones for various categories as on 1-2-1986 is as per the Annexure attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 11.]

Targets for new telephone connections

659. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets fixed for providing new telephone connections during the Sixth Five Year Plan period, State-wise, and what was the number of telephone connections actually provided, whether the target has been achieved; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what are the annual targets fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan period in this regard; State-wise; and what steps are proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The Telecommunication network in the country is made up of territorial units for the telecom circles which are generally co-terminous with the States. However, there are certain exceptions where a territorial circle extends beyond the boundaries of States. Apart from this, units called Telephone Districts are identified wherever there is heavy concentration of telephone lines in a station. The targets are fixed and achievements for providing new telephone connections during the 6th Plan period are furnished in Annexure A for the various circles and districts. There has been a slight shortfall in the actual achievements of targets due to paucity of fund allocations and due to escalation of the prices as the Plan of fixed costs at 1979-80 price level.

(b) Proposed year-wise targets for entire network during the Seventh Plan period are indicated below:

(Figures in lakh lines)

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	TOTAL
2.2	2.6	1.9	2.0	2.3	11.00

Annual targets of the Direct Exchange lines for individual territorial circles/districts are normally fixed in the preceding year. These individual circles/districts make arrangements to procure land and plan Bldgs. etc. depending upon the demand forecast for a particular station and ex-availability of funds to facilitate timely achievement of targets.